



United States Capitol Visitor Center Weekly Construction Summary



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In the Exhibition Hall, masons set a piece of marble for the “Wall of Aspirations,” which will house display cases for historic documents.

This Week – Ongoing Work – 11/20/06 through 11/24/06

CVC and East Front Plaza:

- In the Great Hall stone masons have completed installation of stone on the east side monumental stairs (see photo opposite page). Workers are now waterproofing the water conduit for the fountains at the base of the stairs.
- Installation of step stones is nearly complete in the North Orientation Theater. Millwork installation continues in the South Theater. Installation of bronze doors for the North Orientation Theater has been completed.
- Scaffolding inside the Congressional Auditorium is being dismantled. Concrete work for the floor will begin next week.
- Scaffolding is being assembled at the Rotunda and Gallery levels this week. Ceiling work will begin next week at these two levels. Meanwhile, the ceiling contractor continues framing the grid above the central stairs and escalator runs.
- In the Exhibition Hall, masons have begun to set marble to the steel structure for a display wall (see photo above). Crews have begun assembling the steel framework for the north half of the wall.
- Masons continue to set stone to the exterior walls along the CVC entrance zone and at the north entrance steps.
- Fully conditioned air is expected to be delivered in the Great Hall this week.
- Masons continue setting granite pavers around the historic Olmsted lanterns.
- Stone installation continues along the exterior façade at the CVC entrance zone.
- Workers are preparing formwork for concrete pedestal slabs around the skylights above the Great Hall. Water will slowly revolve around black granite slabs that will be set on top of the concrete pedestals.
- Concrete placements are occurring in the House Carriageway for the top slab above the House Connector Tunnel.



In the Great Hall, masons have completed the installation of stone on two monumental staircases and the central landing at the east side of the Hall.

Next Week – 11/27/06 – 12/1/06

CVC and East Front Plaza Work

- Ceiling work will continue in the East Front transition zone through the Carriageway and at the Rotunda and Gallery levels. This work will include metal stud framework and installation of ductwork, electrical and telecommunications conduit, light fixtures and other ceiling elements.
- Workers will continue waterproofing the fountains in the Great Hall. Concrete placements may occur late in the week.
- Floor stone installation will continue in corridors and lobby areas near the Congressional Auditorium, near the Great Hall east steps at the upper level, and will begin in the South Orientation Theaters.
- Stonework is expected to be complete in the North Orientation Theater and millwork installation will begin.
- Crews will begin assembling formwork for concrete floor slabs in the Congressional Auditorium.
- Installation of ceiling drywall will continue in the CVC entrance zone.
- Installation of kitchen equipment will continue in the Food Service Area.
- Crews are placing concrete above the House Connector Tunnel in the House Carriageway. Paving work will resume this week to restore the House Carriageway for vehicle access by December 5, 2006.
- In House Expansion Space, crews continue installing the metal framework for the ceiling of a Committee Hearing Room.
- In the Senate Expansion Space, ceiling close-in inspections will continue in the lower level while crews continue dropping ceiling panels into the ceiling grid of the Senate Recording Studio on the upper level.
- Workers will continue to install drainage grates around the new trees that were planted this spring along both sides of the East Capitol Street Extension. The trees provide a canopy over stepped walkways leading to the CVC entrance from First Street.



Masons have resumed setting pavers around the historic Olmsted lanterns on the East Front Plaza.

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